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ANNUAL WATER USER'S MEETING  
FEBRUARY 4, 1998

The Annual Water User's meeting was called to order by chairman Keith James on February 4, 1998 at 10:00 a.m. at the Senior Citizen's building. Keith asked if there were any objections to having the meeting tape recorded for secretarial convince. No one opposed. Minutes were read from 1997's annual meeting by secretary Beth James. Minutes were approved as read.

Keith turned the time over to Lee Sim to give the financial report for 1997. Ron Wunderlich made a motion to accept the financial report, Mike Yardley 2nd the motion and the motion carried.

KEITH

~~Lee~~ asked Water Commissioner LaVar Davis to report on his past year duties. LaVar reported that once a month he checked wells and read the meters on the 8 wells that Circle Four has. He stated that Circle Four has been good to cooperate with and that they send him a report of there readings once a month. He noted that Circle Four's findings are consistent with his own. Mike Yardley made the motion to approve the Commissioner report, Ted Rimpau 2nd. Motion carried.

Lee then gave a report on the findings of the Aerial photos. He stated that 13,880 acres was the legal amount of land that could be irrigated in the Milford and Minersville area. In 1996 there were 13,395 total acres irrigated. In 1997 there were 14,033 total acres irrigated. In 1997 there were 8 water users that were over 5 acres or more, of their legal allotment. They were sent notices and were asked to cease.

Lee stated that they received 19 temporary change applications. He noted that by the time they had completed the field work and done all that needed to be done it was late August. He reported that they have since purchased new software that should help speed up the process and allow them to get the report out sooner.

Cary Carpenter noted that one or two of the temporary change applications were filed too late to show on the report. Joey Leko expressed concerns that the water users were not made aware of the temporary change applications soon enough to oppose if necessary. Joey made the motion to have the Temporary Change applications advertised, Ted Rimpau 2nd the motion. Chairman James asked for a vote, 8 voted for and 10 voted against. The motion died. Keith said he'd like to see someone become the Chairman who had more time to make the Water board Committee aware when a Change Application had been applied for. Cary replied that it was never their intention to have the Chairman or Water commissioner notify every user. Warren Peterson made the motion to change the Temporary Change notification period from the existing 10 days to 20 days. Arlan Mayer 2nd. Motion carried.

James Mayer made the motion that the Temporary Change Application notice be hung in the Post Office during the 20 day period. Warren Peterson 2nd. Motion carried.

Keith presented the budget proposal for 1998 (see attachment). Ted Rimpau made the motion to approve the proposed budget as well as the assessment. Robert Christiansen 2nd. Vote carried.

Robert Christiansen made the motion to recommend LaVar Davis as the 1998 Water Commissioner. Ron Wunderlich 2nd. Motion carried.

Keith asked for nominations for new board members to replace Allan Mayer, who had resigned and Robert Christiansen whose one year term to replace Gary Sullivan had expired. Jerry Mayer made the motion for Robert Christiansen to serve as a new board member, Mike Yardley 2nd. Warren Peterson made the motion for Ron Wunderlich to serve as a new board member. Dick Mayer 2nd. A vote was then taken and the vote was in favor of Robert Christiansen to serve until 2003. Robert nominated Jerry Mayer to serve as a board member. Warren Peterson nominated Ron Wunderlich. A vote was taken and Jerry Mayer was nominated to serve on the board until 2001. Chairman James extended the invitation for Ron Wunderlich to come to any of the board meetings as they are open meetings.

Keith then turned the time over to Joey Leko. Joey asked for volunteers to serve on a new board that was being formed to oversee the planning and possible construction of a high water holding reservoir. The reservoir would be used to hold excess water to be returned to replenish the aquifer in wet years. Warren Peterson, April McKeon, Joey Leko, Jerry Mayer and Danny Goff were asked to serve on this board.

Lee had one last item of business that being a bill that is before the legislature. A copy of the bill as well as an explanation was given to those attending (see attachment). Lee explained the purpose of the proposed bill. He said they would appreciate any support the members could give this bill.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.